

# The City of Victorville Uturn Prevention Program

The Uturn Prevention Program is a new program designed to divert elementary-aged at-risk youth from being recruited into gang involvement or activity. Unlike many prevention programs that target entire neighborhoods or populations, Uturn focuses on helping families who are willing to make a long-term commitment to the program and who are willing to develop and maintain positive and rewarding connections within the community. Participating families must commit to participate in the program for a minimum of three years. Through the program, the family will receive free services, including, but not limited to, workshop classes, field trips, and community support.



The Uturn Prevention Program, in conjunction with Community Services Department's After-School Enrichment Program, is an after-school program that is held at the school site, Monday-Friday, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Presently, Uturn has opened its doors to 16 applicants, and the number of students desiring to participate is climbing every day. The aim of the Uturn Prevention Program, in collaboration with its partner agencies, is to turn kids around by helping them make good decisions and enabling them to lead a healthy lifestyle that will help them to become successful in today's world.

One of our partner agencies, the High Desert Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, provided a generous donation of \$100 that was used to purchase McDonald's Christmas gift cards for the students. The gift cards were enthusiastically received and enjoyed by the students, as some of them, due to economic hardships, have not had the chance to eat at McDonald's. Thank you, Hispanic Chamber, for your support and partnership!



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